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SUBJECT:U.S. PARTICIPATION IN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND
(AFDF) MEETING

REFS: (A) LONDON 2683; (B) BONN 2888; (C) ABIDJAN 1448;
(D) ABIDJAN 1753

1. DRAFT LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE U.S. PARTICIPATION OF
DOLS. 15 MILLION IN AFDF IS BEING REVIEWED IN EXECUTIVE
BRANCH FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS IN MARCH.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT CONDITIONS FOR U.S. ENTRY ARE NO LONGER
CLEAR AS THE TIME PERIOD FOR OUR ENTRY AS ORIGINAL PARTICI-
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PANT HAS EXPIRED. HOWEVER, GIVEN UNCERTAINTY OF CONGRES-

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SIONAL ACTION AGAIN THIS YEAR, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD FIRST GET AUTHORIZATION ENACTED AND THEN NEGOTIATE TERMS OF ENTRY. THERE IS OF COURSE POSSIBILITY WE COULD NOT NEGOTIATE ENTRY WITHIN AMOUNTS AND CONDITIONS AUTHORIZED, BUT WE THINK IT WOULD BE GREATER RISK TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE HAVING AUTHORIZATION IN HAND.

3. BECAUSE WE WILL BE QUESTIONED VERY CLOSELY BY CONGRESS ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR OUR ENTRY, WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND THAT WE HAVE HAD NO DISCUSSIONS, FORMAL OR INFORMAL,

WITH THE FUND ON THIS POINT. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR USG TO PARTICIPATE MARRAKECH DONOR MEETING MARCH 10 AND 11.

4. FOR ABIDJAN: PLEASE INFORM AFDF OF PARAGRAPH ONE, KEEPING IN MIND PARAGRAPH TWO. ALSO PLEASE EXPLAIN TO PRESIDENT LABIDI THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS WITH CONGRESS U.S. WILL NOT BE SENDING AN OBSERVER TO MARRAKECH MEETING BUT THAT, AS SHOWN BY OUR RE-INTRODUCTION OF AFDF LEGISLATION AS AN ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT AND DESIRABLE FOR THE U.S. TO JOIN THE AFDF AND THAT WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM AS OUR CONGRESSIONAL PROCESS ADVANCES. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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